

PRAYER AND NEWS UPDATE

LOOK TO
THE LORD AND
HIS STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS FACE
ALWAYS. REMEMBER
THE WONDERS HE
HAS DONE.

1 CHRONICLES 16:11-12



LATEST UPDATE:
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS

Ventures & Falcons

Holidays worth sharing



UPDATE: SUMMER 2021

Thank you so much for praying for Ventures and Falcons in this turbulent and unpredictable season. We praise God for the extraordinary faithfulness, flexibility and tenacity of our wonderful volunteer leaders who have valiantly planned (and replanned!) a fantastic programme for thousands of 8-18s in the midst of uncertainty.



It became clear in June that our hopes of running a 'normal' programme this summer would be significantly hampered by government regulations limiting group sizes on residential to 30 with social distancing within groups, including face coverings. The majority of Ventures and Falcons are planning to run in one of the following formats:

- **Full-length residential** with limited numbers (likely to be around 30 children, depending on government regulations).
- **Shorter residential** with limited numbers (e.g. two holidays, each 3-4 days long, enabling twice as many to attend).
- **Several residential with limited numbers** running simultaneously on the same site, with no interaction between groups.
- **Virtual events** similar to those run in 2020, with games, challenges, Bible studies, worship and crafts online.

● **Day events** for larger groups of children and teenagers.

● **Hubs**, which are single or multiple day events run at several locations simultaneously, with video interactions between venues.

There are also a number of holidays which have taken the difficult decision to cancel, as none of these options were feasible. Many are sending the young people who would have attended a 'holiday-in-a-box' containing games, children's Christian resources, treats, crafts and messages.

» We'll be praying for five specific holidays over the next five weeks. For a prayer list of all Ventures and Falcons, please visit www.cpas.org.uk/pray from 25 July.

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a pathway
to faith



Every leader
a catalyst for
evangelism



Every child
the chance to
explore Jesus



Every Christian
a courageous
witness



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Our mission is to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ through the ministry of local churches.

GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

In his second letter, Peter writes (amongst other things) to assure his readers that the apparent tardiness of Jesus' return is part of and within the sovereign plan of God. In short, God is granting as much time as possible for as many people as possible to come to living faith in the Lord Jesus, 'not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance' (2 Peter 3:9).

This of course points us to the good news of the gospel – that in Jesus we are freed from sin and the judgement that is one day to come. This helps us in knowing how to pray since it indicates that it is on God's heart for men, women and children to have the opportunity to find abundant life – both for now and all eternity.

So as our nation walks out of restrictions, and holidays and 'staycations' spring up, let's be praying fervently for our Ventures and Falcons. Of course, the opportunity to respond to the gospel may look very different this year, with some holidays running virtually, through local hubs or in other formats (see previous page). But our prayer remains that children and young people will hear the gospel and discover for themselves the grace that is found in knowing Jesus.

Thank you for standing with us and praying for us. Together, let's make it our business to seek God for his mercy and grace in our nation, and let's share in the urgency of prayer for what Peter wrote about all those years ago.

John Dunnett, General Director



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All Bible quotations taken from
the New International Version.



All Ventures and Falcons will be in line with government regulations, and formats are subject to change. Visit www.cpas.org.uk/pray from 25 July for details of Ventures and Falcons.

LOVE
THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR
MIND AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.

MARK 12:30

25-31 JULY

WOOLHAMPTON 1 (11-14s)

We are planning a four-day hub Venture with lots of small activities in three locations around the country and hopefully some bigger things too. We will be looking at some of Mark's Gospel with lots of Olympic-themed activities.'

Jonnie Armstrong, Overall Leader

Prayer points:

- Pray for the team as they run things in this new way. Jonnie asks, 'Pray that we'd keep being encouraged by Jesus ourselves as we teach the young people about Jesus.'



- Ask that the morning games, online teaching, afternoon Bible studies and outdoor activities would be great fun and inspire the 11-14s to live for Jesus.
- Pray that many more young people would be able to engage with this new format, and that there would be lots of interest for next year.

1-7 AUGUST

WENSLEYDALE 1 AND 2 (8-12s)

The children who would usually have attended the Wensleydale 1 and 2 Ventures in person have been invited to engage in teaching and activities through a blend of videos and fun things sent through the post.

Prayer points:

- Pray that the boxes are enthusiastically received and enjoyed! They will contain craft materials, a notebook with Bible passages and activities along with other treats.
- As the children watch the videos and enjoy a taster of their favourite activities from the holiday, pray they would feel excited about being involved in Ventures.
- Ask that the local church is also able to engage their young people with the material. Pray also for the leaders as they look ahead to reconnecting in person next year.



EVERY GOOD
AND PERFECT
GIFT IS FROM ABOVE,
COMING DOWN FROM THE
FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY
LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT
CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING
SHADOWS.

JAMES 1:17

8-14 AUGUST

CARROTY WOOD FALCONS (8-11s and 12-15s)

Carroty Wood 3 for 12-15s takes place from 7-9 August, offering a non-residential long weekend of climbing, archery, swimming, mountain biking and hearing inspiring testimonies of God at work. This is followed by Carroty Wood 1a and 1b for 8-11s.



SEE WHAT
GREAT LOVE
THE FATHER HAS
LAVISHED ON US, THAT
WE SHOULD BE CALLED
CHILDREN OF GOD!
AND THAT IS WHAT
WE ARE!

1 JOHN 3:1

Prayer points:

- Many young people who take part in Falcons face challenges in their daily lives. Pray that they will know the unrelenting love of Christ and realise they are known and loved by him.
- Lift up the leaders in prayer, some of whom are new this year. Pray that the leadership teams would bond well and grow together, and for God's guiding hand over the practicalities.
- Pray also for all the children who were involved in the Carroty Wood 2 Falcon earlier this summer, led by Joy and Kevin Johnson.

15-21 AUGUST

BRAMBLETYE 2 (14-18s)

With a pool party, sports galore, crafts, time to relax and a circus-themed event, the teenagers are certainly in for an exciting Venture! They will be exploring what it means to follow Jesus today through teaching on Luke's Gospel.

HEAVEN
AND EARTH
WILL PASS AWAY,
BUT MY WORDS
WILL NEVER PASS
AWAY.

LUKE 21:33



Prayer points:

- Ask for wisdom for the leaders as they seek to lead in a godly way. The team is led by Matthew Harvey, Carol Harrison and Ben and Rachel Worley.
- Carol says, 'It would be brilliant if some young people decided to follow Jesus for the first time and if others were encouraged to persevere as they follow Jesus in a hostile world.'
- Pray for safety and fun for the 14-18s in all the activities. Pray for new friendships and the strengthening of existing ones.

22-28 AUGUST

SWANBOURNE FALCON 2 (11-14s)

We've had a lot of changes since 2019, with a new site, new leaders and of course COVID restrictions to deal with. We'd love prayer that the 11-14s would feel welcomed and loved, and have space to explore the amazing truth of the gospel.'

Joseph Hare, Overall Leader

'I AM
THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD.
WHOEVER FOLLOWS
ME WILL NEVER WALK
IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL
HAVE THE LIGHT OF
LIFE.'

JOHN 8:12

Prayer points:

- Teaching on the theme of 'Light and Dark' will explore the gospel from creation through to crucifixion and resurrection. Pray this is engaging and leads the young people closer to Christ.
- Pray for a fantastic time taking part in the activities – archery, circus skills, capture the flag, crafts and trips out as well as lots of informal time relaxing and making friends.
- Pray for God's blessing on new leaders. Pray they will integrate well with existing leaders and thrive and grow in confidence, skills and faith through this wonderful ministry.



29 AUGUST-4 SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES



As the autumn term begins, pray that lots of church leaders across the UK and Republic of Ireland will attend CPAS training, and come away full of energy and ideas to help people find Jesus.

IT IS GOD
WHO WORKS
IN YOU TO WILL
AND TO ACT IN
ORDER TO FULFIL HIS
GOOD PURPOSE.
PHILIPPIANS 2:13



Prayer points:

- This month sees the launch of the first Leading Evangelism Learning Hub. Pray for James Lawrence as he leads this, and for the groups of leaders taking part.
- Praise God for the appointment of three new CPAS Leadership Enablers – Matt Hogg, John Valentine and Mat Ineson. Pray also for the recruitment of a fourth Leadership Enabler.
- Pray for wisdom as decisions are made about which events and programmes will remain online and which will be in physical venues.

5-11 SEPTEMBER

WORCESTER DIOCESE

This Tuesday, clergy in Worcester Diocese will gather for CPAS training on developing resilience. CPAS is also facilitating learning communities and delivering training as part of the diocesan Calling Young Disciples initiative.

James Lawrence, who is leading Tuesday's training



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YOUR TIMES, A RICH
STORE OF SALVATION
AND WISDOM AND
KNOWLEDGE.

ISAIAH 33:6

Prayer points:

- Praise God for the fruitful partnership between CPAS and Worcester Diocese. Ask God to use CPAS' input to ministerial training and Calling Young Disciples to help churches thrive and grow.
- Pray for the group of clergy at Tuesday's training as they explore practical ways to develop resilience in the midst of the many opportunities and challenges of ordained ministry.
- Ask that Worcester Diocese's vision may be realised: 'To grow as kingdom people, sharing the good news of Jesus' love in Worcestershire and Dudley'.

12-18 SEPTEMBER

TRULL WITH ANGERSLEIGH

Led by Andy Wadsworth, All Saints' Trull and St Michael's Angersleigh in Somerset are seeking to be churches of 'disciple-making disciples', to the glory of God.



ALWAYS
BE PREPARED
TO GIVE AN ANSWER
TO EVERYONE WHO
ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE
REASON FOR THE HOPE
THAT YOU HAVE.

1 PETER 3:15

Prayer points:

- Two thousand new homes are being built in the parish. Pray for Andy and the other leaders as they seek to discern how best to serve, reach and plant into this new community.
- Praise God for new families wanting to get involved in church life. Pray that many more young families will also be drawn in.
- Pray that those who took part in the online Christianity Explored course will continue on their journey of faith.

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